

PRESS RELEASE
IOWA BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS
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Recently, the Iowa Board of Medical Examiners took the following action:

Thomas M. Horiagon, Jr., M.D., a 51 year-old physician from Highlands Ranch, Colorado, entered into a Consent Agreement with the Board. Dr. Horiagon recently submitted an application for a permanent Iowa medical license. He failed to disclose information which indicated that he lost his hospital privileges in West Ridge, Colorado, because he failed to attend a mandatory hospital meeting to discuss concerns about his interpersonal behavior with a patient and her family. Under the terms of the Consent Agreement, the Board granted Dr. Horiagon an Iowa medical license and he received a public reprimand and he was fined \$1,000 for failing to provide complete, accurate and truthful information on his license application.

Narinder Kumar, M.D., a 54 year-old pediatrician practicing in Bettendorf, Iowa, had his Iowa medical license suspended by the Board. On April 26, 2007, the Board filed an emergency order immediately suspending Dr. Kumar's license. On May 31, 2006, the Board charged Dr. Kumar with engaging in a pattern of unprofessional conduct. The Board received information which raised concerns about his alcohol consumption and allegations of inappropriate sexual behavior. At the direction of the Board, Dr. Kumar completed a substance abuse and professional misconduct evaluation. The assessment program was unable to substantiate the allegations. The Board placed Dr. Kumar on probation for five years subject to numerous terms and conditions. He is required to abstain from the use of alcohol and drugs, he must have a female chaperone present at all times while treating female patients, he must participate in counseling, he is required to have a Board-approved physician monitor his medical practice and he is required to have staff and patients file reports with the Board regarding his conduct. The Board recently received information which indicates that Dr. Kumar violated the terms of his probation and that he performed an inappropriate physical examination on an adult female. The new information indicates that Dr. Kumar examined female patients without a chaperone present, that he interfered with the staff reporting process and that he practiced without an appropriate physician monitor. A hearing has been scheduled on May 24, 2007.

Mark J. Louviere, M.D., a 50 year-old family practice physician from Waterloo, Iowa, had his Iowa medical license suspended by the Board. On April 26, 2007, the Board filed an emergency order immediately suspending Dr. Louviere's license. On February 23, 1995, the Board charged Dr. Louviere with improperly modifying a patient medical record. Dr. Louviere received a public letter of warning and he was ordered to pay a \$4,000 fine. On April 3, 2007, Dr. Louviere was arrested and charged with possession of over fourteen (14) pounds of methamphetamine with the intent to sell. At the time of arrest Dr. Louviere possessed drug paraphernalia and while in custody he made statements which indicate that he has personally used methamphetamine. A hearing has been scheduled on May 23, 2007.